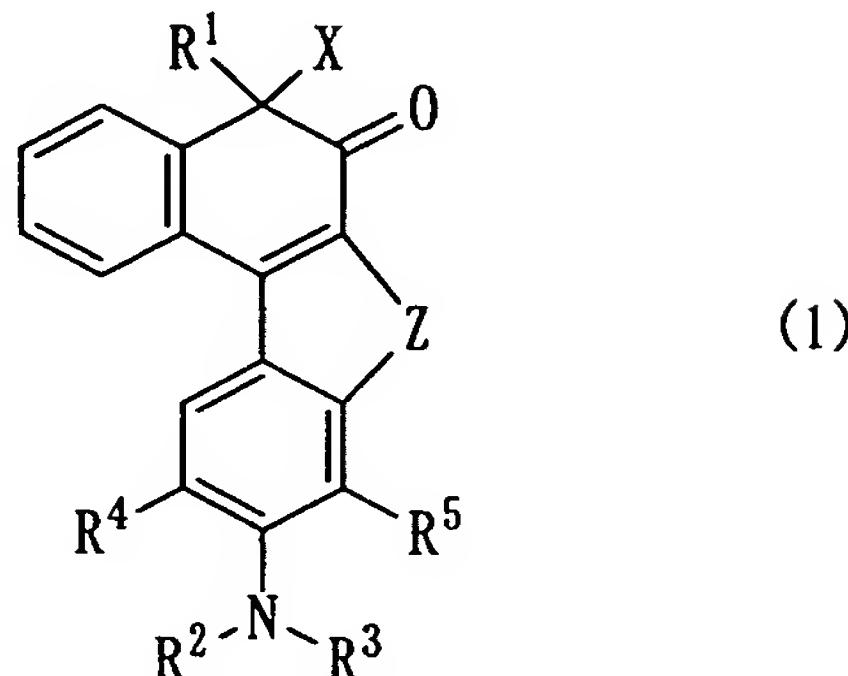


CLAIMS

1. A heteropolycyclic compound represented by General Formula (1):

5 [Chemical Formula 1]



wherein R¹ is a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group;

10 R² and R³ are the same or different and are each a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or R₂ and R₃ may be linked to each 15 other to form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a heterocyclic ring;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each a hydrogen atom;

R² and R⁴, and/or R³ and R⁵ may be linked to each other to form a straight- or branched-chain C₂-C₇ alkylene group;

20 X is a hydrogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a halogen atom, an -OCOR⁶ group, an -OR⁶ group, an SR⁶ group or an -NR⁶R⁷ group;

25 R⁶ and R⁷ are the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₆ alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group; and

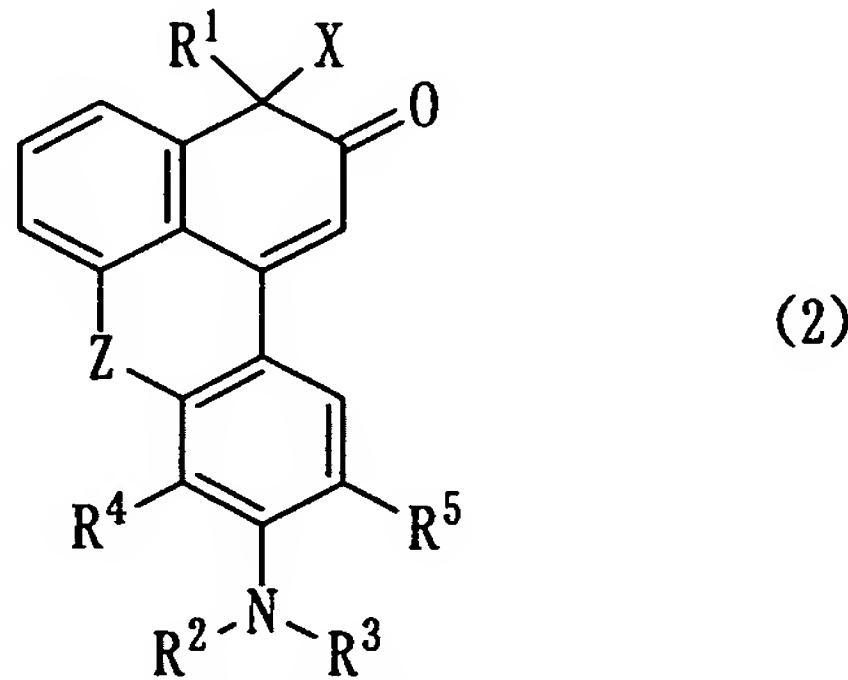
Z is a divalent group.

2. A heteropolycyclic compound according to claim 1,

wherein, in General Formula (1), R¹ is a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group; R² and R³ are each independently a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group; R⁴ and R⁵ are each a hydrogen atom; X is 5 a hydrogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a hydroxy group or an -OCOR⁶ group wherein R⁶ is a hydrogen atom or a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₆ alkyl group; and Z is -O-, -S- or -NR⁶- wherein R⁶ is a hydrogen atom or a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₆ alkyl group.

10 3. A heteropolycyclic compound represented by General Formula (2):

[Chemical Formula 2]



15 wherein R¹ is a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group;

20 R² and R³ are the same or different and are each a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or R² and R³ may be linked to each other to form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a heterocyclic ring;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each a hydrogen atom;

25 R² and R⁴, and/or R³ and R⁵ may be linked to each other to form a straight- or branched-chain C₂-C₇ alkylene group;

X is a hydrogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C₅-C₁₀ cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a halogen atom, an -OCOR⁶ group, an -OR⁶ group, an -SR⁶ group or an -NR⁶R⁷

group;

R^6 and R^7 are the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain C_1 - C_6 alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted C_5 - C_{10} cycloalkyl group; and

5 Z is a divalent group.

4. A heteropolycyclic compound according to claim 3, wherein, in General Formula (2), R^1 is a straight- or branched-chain C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group; R^2 and R^3 are each independently a straight- or branched-chain C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group; R^4 and R^5 are each a hydrogen atom; X is a hydrogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group, a hydroxy group or an $-OCOR^6$ group wherein R^6 is a hydrogen atom or a straight- or branched-chain C_1 - C_6 alkyl group; and Z is $-O-$, $-S-$ or $-NR^6-$ wherein R^6 is a hydrogen atom or a straight- or branched-chain C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.

10 5. A colorant comprising a heteropolycyclic compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4.

15 6. A pigment or dye comprising a heteropolycyclic compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4.